



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: April 13th, 2017

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### **Administrative Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the ELAC Chair, Dorothy Love (Eurofins). Meeting minutes were taken by Nick Straccione (SGS Accutest Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The March 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Synder (Alpha) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

**Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP):** Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

There were a total of ~230 renewals that were not returned to NJDEP OQA. These laboratories will not have their certification by July 1st. A letter was sent to each of the labs for which a renewal was not received. If a PO# for a facility was received a letter will still be sent but Rachel will note that it will be paid on their account when she receives it. Approximately 100 labs did not send payment but the Treasury Dept. takes about 5-10 days to process checks which may account for some of the delay. The process for renewals can take about 2 days to review for a full scope laboratory and why the deadlines need to be met.

In the renewal packets all updated versions of methods will be included on the new ACPLs. This is not just associated with organics, 6010D, 6020B, 9056A, etc. will also be included. Any new methods to SW 846 are going to be included on the 2017 ACPL. Each lab will have until July 1st of 2018 for compliance.

Ignitibility will be fully removed from all scopes for NPW matrix.

TOC by 9060 and 9060A in soils will now show as modified on all labs scope. The method is written for waters only. Eventually NJDEP will switch all labs for Lloyd Kahn or Walkley Black method for soils.

Methods that are added to NJ's ACPL by user defined that are not approved will be listed on the ACPL as "applied" but "no" under certified to report to NJ. This is still true even if another state will certify for the method.

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

**Proficiency Test (PT) Program:** Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update

The WP study is due May 12th and soils by June 23rd. Letters for DW went out April 11th for failures and the makeup is due after July 1st. Air PT evaluations will be completed after the renewal process is closed.

For NELAP labs 2 new tables are going to be posted for NPW/SCM. They should be available on the website late next week and implementation should begin around July 24th. NJDEP OQA will begin to look for PT's beginning in January 2018. Labs will have 6 months for compliance with 2 PT's.

Questions on the proficiency testing program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

**The NELAC Institute (TNI):** Dorothy Love (Eurofins) provided an update.

The next meeting will be held in August in Washington D.C. The goal is to have the new TNI standard completed by the meeting.

Check the TNI website for additional information <http://www.nelac-institute.org/>.

**Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:** Linda Bonnette (NJDEP BSDW).

A question was raised on drinking water testing for lead in schools. NJDEP's watersupply website includes information on both Lead and Copper Rule sampling requirements for the public waters systems and the lead sampling in schools with the Board of Education's lead testing regulations. With lead in school sampling field reagent blanks (FRB) are not a requirement for any of the approved drinking water lead methods but is required as part of the Lead in School Sampling QAPP. It was asked whether a FRB must be collected from each school building if the school consists of more than one building being sampled for lead. An answer will be provided before or at the next ELAC meeting. It was also noted that there is some contradictory guidance information pertaining to lead sampling that needs to be corrected on the website.

The link listed below was just posted (April 7th) on the NJDEP website for frequently asked questions pertaining to drinking water lead testing in schools.

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/pdf/leadfaq.pdf>

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) at: [linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov](mailto:linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov)

**Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):** No update at this time.

Questions on the SRWMP program may be emailed to Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP) at [greg.toffoli@dep.nj.gov](mailto:greg.toffoli@dep.nj.gov).

**New Business:**

An email was recently circulated by NJDEP for Reporting Limits of Wastewater Metals by ICP/MS or GFAA. This information is to be used as a guideline for determining Sufficiently Sensitive Testing Methods (SSTMs) for limited metals parameters. A question was raised if ICP could be used if the limits were met? Once a response is provided by NJDEP it will be included in the minutes.

**EDD Subcommittee** Ken Liao and Roger Page (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) provided an update.

Ken Liao explained that more background programming is being worked on integrating Hazsite to Compass.

The state will discontinue the use of DBF and WK1 converter programs. They have been obsolete for some time now and this should not affect businesses. Additional details regarding this matter can be found using the link listed below.

<http://nj.gov/dep/srp/hazsite/software/converter/index.html>

Questions and comments may be directed to Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) at [ken.liaoi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:ken.liaoi@dep.nj.gov)

**Communications / OQA Website:**

ELAC Chair, Dorothy Love (Eurofins) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was up to date with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, and 2017 calendar.

**Meeting Schedule:** The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Rose Koplin (Accred. Analytical), and seconded by Eileen Synder (Alpha.). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, in **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Nick Straccione at: [nicholas.straccione@sgs.com](mailto:nicholas.straccione@sgs.com) by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

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